

From TCVESSA's President by Julie Roberts

It feels great to have our independently-held specialty show for 2008 over with. I've had many positive comments about the show (minus the weather, of course!), plus some suggestions that the board will review and take to heart. My personal thanks go out to so many TCVESSA members who helped put together such a successful show.

With summer winding down and fall approaching, it means the ESSFTA National show is right around the corner. The National is a great place to meet new friends, go out with old acquaintances, and see the "cream of the crop" in all venues for the English Springer Spaniel. I hope to see many of you there; I can't wait for the exciting, but action-packed week to come.

Until next time, throw your dog a bone and look through the rest of the Vox for all the exciting activities TCVESSA has planned.

More Specialty News

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped make our specialty show a success. A special thanks goes to Kim Slaybaugh for driving up all the way from Iowa just to run our raffle, and to Brian Shaffer, too, for all the clean-up help—thank you for stepping up.

Our August specialty may now be history, but there are ways to re-live the experience. Unofficial results of the specialty—conformation, obedience, and rally—can be found at <http://www.dogshowsbydesign.com/tcvessa/TCVESSA--08-Results.pdf> Also check out the photos that TCVESSA member Joan Beck took during our two-day event. These colorful candids are on the ESS Online Magazine: <http://www.essonlinemagazine.com>, within the August/September '08 issue.



TCVESSA Calendars by Kris Radermacher

The 2009 calendar will be available at the November 23 Fun Match/Fall Membership Meeting. We will be raffling off the months and cover for the 2010 calendar at the November Fun Match. This may seem early, but due to the later banquet date, I would like to get this going. You will have until March 1st to get your photos to me. Don't worry if you can't make it. I have put together a webpage, and you can order your tickets and pay the club via PayPal. Tickets for the drawing for each month are \$1 each and tickets for the cover drawing are \$5 each. Please use http://www.tcvessa.org/calendar_raffle.html for purchasing tickets. This is a private page; there is not a link from the main page as it's for club members only.

We will be drawing for the 2011 calendar at our banquet in March.

August 11 Board Meeting Minutes (via Conference Call)

Attendees: Julie Roberts, B.A. Breese, Kris Radermacher, Cyndi Myhre, Carmen Laing, Francie Nelson, Jean Dockendorf, Shirley Harford, and Kathy Raidt

The meeting was called to order by president Julie Roberts at 6:35 PM.

Committee Reports:

Julie proposed to waive the reading of the notes from the last Board Meeting; all agreed.

Specialty:

Ribbons: Ordered; will be shipped on the 15th to Cyndi. *Trophies:* Cyndi has purchased, labeled, and tagged nearly all of them. *The catalog* is on schedule. Kris will do the necessary follow up with Cindy O'Hare. *Raffle:* All of the items have been purchased and/or received. *Catering:* Julie will purchase the wine and several members have volunteered to donate bottles also. The social hour will start around 5:00 PM on Thursday. Breakfast will be ordered for 35 for Thursday morning and adjusted, if necessary, for Friday morning. Lunch will be delivered at 11:00 each day. Francie offered to make emergency runs, if necessary. *Mats:* Brian, Rick, Jean, Carmen and others will help on Sunday the 17th to load them onto the trailer. Becky offered to help if needed. BA., Carmen, Rick, and Kris will return the mats after the Specialty. Help will be needed to clean the mats before and after the shows. Obedience chairs will bring clean up supplies to handle any accidents that might occur in the ring; after obedience, the clean up supplies can be moved to the conformation ring. Someone from the fairgrounds will be there Wednesday to help with the electrical drops and any other matters that might arise. *Placement markers:* We'll use the secretary's signs. *Insurance:* Kris is still working with Jo Magney on this. *Flowers* for the judges' tables and podium are being provided by Cindy Myhre. Kris has the podium. Francie is bringing tablecloths. Julie will provide a location chart for the people who reserved *grooming spaces*. Kris sent a reminder to participants to order lunches using the ESS-L2 group and the TCVESSA Announce List. *The calendar* will be ready for the Specialty per Kris.

Action Items:

Kathy Raidt will bring 3 rolls of duct tape for the mats and electrical tape for the grooming areas. We can meet at the show site at noon on Wednesday. Julie will bring the paper supply items. BA will bring the cooler. Kris will add to the judging program that grooming can be set up Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 PM. Kris talked to Liz and everything is under control for the judges. Joan Beck will be willing to help at the specialty, per BA. Kris will ask Ray about communicating to the authorities that we will be having an event both days at the fairgrounds.

Our next meeting is September 18th. Francie motioned to adjourn and B.A. seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Raidt
TCVESSA Secretary



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September 18 Board Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Julie Roberts, Francie Nelson, Jean Dockendorf, B.A. Breese, Cyndi Myhre, Kris Radermacher, Carmen Laing, and Kathy Raidt. Also attending: Kandice Bierle, Jon Pidde

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts at 6:50 PM.

Previous Meeting Notes: The meeting notes from the last two months were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: B.A. Breese stated that costs of our specialties totaled \$2,194.19. Julie brought the checks for the grooming space rental which totaled \$450.00. Half of the ribbons that we had to order are still left over which we can use at the next Specialty. The board discussed having lunches to be paid by the club members in the next Specialty. B.A. stated that we have \$20,313.71 in our checking account to date.

Membership Report: Kathy Raidt stated that there were no new memberships.

Specialty Show Discussion: Positives and negatives were discussed. Overall, the board was pleased with the shows, and many people pitched in to help. Positive comments from judges and exhibitors were received. Negatives included heat, dirty mats, and loud fans (due to heat). Kris proposed moving the 2009 specialties to May 16th and May 17th at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. After discussion, Kris made a motion to this effect. Francie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Kris will contact Alvin Eng to obtain ESSFTA approval to change the date for our Specialties. Jon Pidde and Jean Dockendorf will be co-chairs for Obedience and Rally. Kathy Raidt will be Chairperson and Kris Radermacher will be Co-Chairperson for the Specialties. Cyndi Myhre will be Trophy Chairperson. We also have extra Isle of Dog certificates which can be used at our next Specialties. Judges were discussed and they will be finalized at our next Specialty Meeting. Kathy Raidt will call Mary Ann Alston for her availability. Our website has the official results for the specialties. Pictures for the newsletter were discussed and black and white photos are acceptable. It was proposed to write a Thank You note to Rick Radermacher for helping us unload and reload the heavy mats for the Specialty.

Educational Seminar: Kris stated that the contract has been sent to the U of M for the seminar on April 18th and 19th. Dr. Jesus Rosales – Ruiz and Kellie Snider will be the presenters. The titled of the seminar is *Shaping Away Canine Aggression: Constructional Aggression Treatment*. The proposed cost for the two days will be \$190.00 which includes lunch for non-members. Club members will pay \$155.00 if they are not working the event and working club members will pay \$140.00. Non-profit and Junior Handlers will pay \$150.00. The CE credits will be available to veterinarians who attend. We pay \$50 as a one time fee.

Fun Match: It will be held on November 23, 2008, at C & E. Cyndi Myhre and B.A. Breese will co-chair it. Jean will find a judge for obedience and Cyndi will find a judge for conformation. This will also be our general membership meeting so we may vote on the by-laws. Again, it will be a potluck meeting.

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AKC Outreach Requirements

The AKC requires each club to fulfill an educational outreach program at least once a year. The Pet Expo will be submitted as our annual educational program to the public during 2008.

Calendar Drawings: Our 2010 calendar drawing will be held at the November fun match; our 2011 calendar drawing will be held at the 2009 banquet in March.

National Specialty Show: A donation for the breakfast was requested and the board approved giving ESSFTA \$100.00. B.A. Breese will mail a check. Francie proposed a basket made of denim jeans full of MN items. It was requested that members bring MN items to the next meeting for Cyndi and B.A. to take to the National Specialty.

Nominating Committee: It is comprised of 1 board member and 2 non-board members. B.A. will chair this committee and she will choose 2 non-board members plus an alternate. The committee's report will be presented at the November general membership meeting, where nominations from the floor can be accepted.

Operating Guidelines: Francie and Kris have been working on this; Francie presented a re-drafted version of the document that is divided into categories. It was noted that an important function of standing rules/operating practices is to assure continuity from year to year. Board members were encouraged to compare the new document draft to older versions, and to give suggestions to Kris or Francie prior to the next meeting. The VOX Guidelines are considered a separate document.

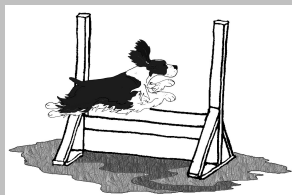
Business Cards: Kris showed a sample of a business card that she created. Cost of the cards is \$30.00 for 250.

Next Meeting Date and Location: October 13, 2008, Monday, at Byerly's in Maple Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Raidt
TCVESSA Secretary





Springers Demonstrate Skills in Obedience & Rally

By Obedience/Rally Specialty co-chairs Shirley Harford and Jean Dockendorf

Over 30 Springers showed off their talents in the obedience and rally rings during the two-day TCVESSA Specialty, August 21 & 22 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Despite the heat and humidity, these dogs and their handlers turned in 19 qualifying obedience runs and 8 qualifying rally scores. We are aware of four dog/handler teams that completed a title at the show. Congratulations to all dogs and handlers who qualified during the specialty, and thanks to everyone who showed!

A tie for the High In Trial award on Thursday was shared by a mother and son – Brooke, (CH MACH 2 Ramblewood Crystal Clear UD MH) with a score of 198 from the Open B class, and her son Splash (CH Topguns Vin E Wood Makin' A Splash CD SH MX AJX) with a score of 198 from the Novice B Class. Congratulations to handlers Patty Salzwedel and Kathy Patregnani. On Friday, Splash won High In Trial with a score of 197.

Benson (Benson McGee UD, SH) won the High Combined award with a score of 385.5 on both Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to Benson and handler Jon Pidde for their outstanding and consistent performances in Open B and Utility B. Benson and Jon also won 2nd HIT on Friday.

Congratulations to the following dogs/handler teams that we know completed an obedience or rally title at our specialty:

Shirley Harford and Rayne finished their CDX

Shelia Koon and Addie finished their CDX

Ann Sunderman and Kiera finished their RN

Shirley Harford and Aspen finished their RA

Special thanks to judges Mrs. Cynthia Rustad and Mr. Dan Herald who judged approximately 25 entries each day in Novice, Open, Utility, Pre-Novice, Veterans and Brace obedience, and about 12 entries in Rally Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Extra special thanks to our hard-working and dedicated ring stewards including Kathy Raidt, Jack Filipek, Brenda Filipek, Sheila Koon, and Jon Pidde. Also, special thanks to Brian Schaffer and all the others who helped with clean-up and rolling up mats.

Thursday/HIT CH/MACH 2 Ramblewood Crystal Clear UD, MH “Brooke”

Owners: Tracy & Patty Salzwedel

Thursday/HC Benson McGee UD,SH “Benson”

Owners: Jon & Sandy Pidde

Friday/HIT CH Topguns Vin E Wood Makin' A Splash “Splash”

Owners: Kathy Patregnani & Kathy Salzwedel

Friday/HC Benson McGee UD, SH “Benson”

Owners: Jon & Sandy Pidde

It was great to see the training accomplishments made by many of our club members. Keep up the good work, and remember to bring your dogs to our fun match in November!

“Old Dog” or Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome

by Heidi Buytaert, D.V.M.

Has Fido started to seem confused out in the yard? Does Fifi seek attention less often? Does it seem like your beloved 11 year old Springer isn't able to sleep well at night? Or maybe your older dog seems to forget to ask to go outside to potty? While some of these behavior changes can be related to age it can also be a sign of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome.

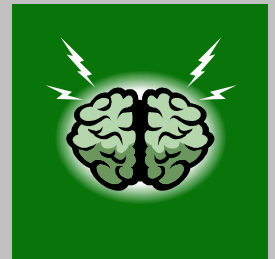
Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS) can be described as the physical and chemical changes that have occurred in an older dog's brain. These include a reduction in the overall brain mass as well as the accumulation of plaques and infiltrates that are similar to those seen in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. These changes appear to increase the amount of free radicals in the brain which can be neurotoxic. In addition, the overall reduced health of an elderly patient can compromise the blood flow to the brain.

DISHA has been used to describe some of the common signs of cognitive dysfunction – Disorientation, alterations in Interactions, alterations in Sleep-wake cycles, Housesoiling and alterations in Activity. It is important to note that very few clients mention any of these behavioral changes in their older patients to their veterinarian. One study showed that 28% of dogs 11-12 years of age and 68% of 15-16 year old dogs showed at least one sign of cognitive dysfunction. This is in sharp contrast to another study that showed only 7% of the owners reported these changes to their veterinarian. You can review the questionnaire for CDS at www.cdsindogs.com and be sure to mention any of the concerns to your veterinarian.

If you believe your pet has signs of CDS you will want to get a complete physical exam and minimum database of bloodwork and urinalysis done. Other tests may be recommended by your veterinarian and all health issues should be evaluated before treatment of CDS can be started. After evaluating your senior pet's overall health, the following may help to stop, or at least slow down, cognitive decline:

Diet:

Supplementing the diet with antioxidants can help reduce the toxic effects of free radicals. One option is to feed the Hill's b/d diet with is supplemented with antioxidants; cofactors and essential fatty acids which are all fancy words for the stuff that can help reduce free radicals. If you feed a home diet you can also accomplish this by supplementing with things like Vitamins E and C, beta carotene, selenium and a number of flavonoids and carotenoids from fruits and vegetables. However, a home diet should always be one formulated by a veterinarian and researched appropriately (start with Dr Pitcarin's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats) and changes should be reviewed with your veterinarian.



(Heidi's Article, Continued)



Drugs:

Selegiline (ie. Anipryl®) has been licensed by the FDA in the United States to control the signs of cognitive dysfunction in the dog. Its mechanism is not completely understood but appears to enhance neurotransmitters in the brain as well as may decrease the free radical load. Studies have shown that 69%–75% of the dogs improved in at least one clinical sign after one month of therapy. Other drugs have been used in Europe and may become available in the future.

Behavior and Environmental:

“Use it or Lose it”! It is very important to continue to enrich your senior pet’s activity and training, play, exercise, and toys are as important a factor as diet and drugs in slowing the cognitive decline of your dog.

These modifications may dramatically improve the cognitive decline in your pet but it is unlikely that your pet’s changes will be completely resolved. It does appear that early recognition of the problem can prevent or at least slow the decline so remember to mention all behavioral changes to your veterinarian.

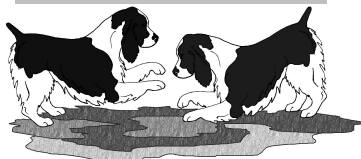
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Editor's Note:

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Heidi invites you to email her directly with any questions.



TCVESSA By-Law Updates

Dear TCVESSA Members,

After submitting our new bylaws to the AKC we received a letter back with a few revisions that they required. Below is the summary of these changes:

Article II Membership

Section 2. Classifications of Membership

We added: Individual members enjoy all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

SECTION 4. DUES

Deleted: Membership dues shall not exceed \$50.00 per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year.

Added: Membership dues shall be set annually in the month of October by the Board of Directors, not to exceed \$50.00 for Individuals, \$75.00 per year for Families, or \$25 per year for Juniors; payable on or before the first day of January of each year. During the month of October, the Secretary shall send to each member, by E-mail or U.S. Mail, a statement of his/her dues for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, and 4

(In regards to where meetings may be held)

Deleted: in, or within 25 miles of, the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Added: in the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

SECTION 4.

Deleted: Any action that might be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if done in writing or E-Mail and approved unanimously by all Directors.

SECTION 5.

In regards to voting:

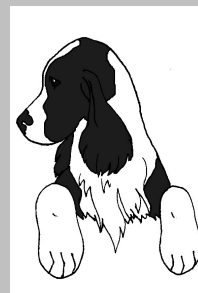
Added: including life members.

Article IV. Directors and Officers

Section 2.

- a) The President is an may be an *ex officio* member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

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(TCVESSA By-Law Updates, Continued)

Article V. THE CLUB YEAR, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. ORGANIZATIONS YEAR

Changed: The official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, at which officers are elected, on April 1st.

SECTION 3. Newly elected officers shall take office on April 1st of each year.

ARTICLE VII. DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION

Changed: Any member who is suspended from the any privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3.

Added: The By-Laws may be amended by a secret 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for this purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting sent by U.S. Mail or E-Mail to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Also attached is the entire document. We will be voting on these revision at our November Match/Meeting.

Questions can be directed to me, Kristin Radermacher, at SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com or 763-441-0299.

NOTE: A complete copy of the TCVESSA by-laws will be posted on the TCVESSA website. Limited quantities of the club by-laws will also be available for members at the November 23 Fun Match.



TCVESSA Wins and Brags

Cedarwood's Hope Diamond "Hope"

Aaron Dockendorf
 WESSA - May 4, 2008
 1st Place, Novice Junior Showmanship
 Duluth Kennel Club - July 13, 2008
 1st Place, Novice Junior Showmanship
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008
 Best Junior Handler
 Aaron will now move up to Open Junior

Cedarwood's Enchanting Rita "Rita"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch;
 Handled by Kristi Howe
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 Winners Bitch - 5 point major
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008
 Winners Bitch/Best of Winners - 5 point major

Cedarwood's Escada Rockin' Rio "Escada"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch;
 Handled by Kristi Howe
 Coulee KC - August 2 & 3, 2008
 Winners Bitch - Best of Opposite Sex
 Freeborn County KC - August 9, 2008
 Winners Bitch - Best of Winners
 Rochester MN KC - September 13, 2008
 Winners Bitch - BOB over Specials
 Rochester MN KC - September 14, 2008
 Winners Bitch/BOW/Best of Opposite Sex

CH Aspen's Ashwyn Explorer CGC "Apollo"

TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 Second Award of Merit
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008
 First Award of Merit

Hirdler Hill's Sea Born Magic RN NAJ CGC "Morgan"

Owned by Maryevelyn Monty
 Marshfield Area KC - August 16 & 17, 2008
 Both days, Winners Bitch

CH Fox Hollow Brand New Day JH OA OAJ NF "Kiera"

Breeder/Owner/Handler Ann Sunderman
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 2nd leg of Rally Novice title, 1st place

CH Fox Hollow Brand New Day JH OA OAJ NF "Kiera" - continued

TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008
 3rd leg of Rally Novice title, 1st place

RN Title Achieved

Fox Hollow All I Wanna Do "Kenna"

Breeder/Owner/Handler Ann Sunderman
 Rochester MN KC Agility Trial -
 August 30, 2008
 1st leg NJP, 3rd place

Topgun's Field Of Dreams

CD,JH,RE,NA,NAJ,NF,WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Handler: Shirley A. Harford
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 Open A- 3rd leg, 2nd Place

CDX Title Achieved

Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest

CD,SH,RN,NA,NAJ,NAP,NJP,WD,CGC,TDI AOV "Aspen"

Owner/Handler: Shirley A. Harford
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 Rally Advanced B- 2nd leg- 3rd Place

Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest

CD,SH,RN,NA,NAJ,NAP, NJP,WD,CGC,TDIAOV "Aspen"

Owner/Handler: Shirley A. Harford
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008
 Rally Advanced B- 3rd leg- 3rd Place

Rally Advanced Title Achieved

Topgun's Field Of Dreams

CDX,JH,RE,NA,NAJ,NF,WDX "Rayne"

Owner/Handler: Shirley A. Harford
 Rochester MN KC - August 30, 2008
 Open Fast Agility- 1st. leg- 3rd Place

Dartek's Ilean Black Pearl Of Chyna TD "Chyna"

Owners Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla Viker
 TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008
 RWB & Best Bred-By

St. Croix Valley KC - August 24, 2008
 WB - 3 point major

(Wins and Brags, continued)**Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man JH CD WD "Wrigley"**

Owned by Julie and Tim Damgaard

Lacrosse KC – August 2, 2008

Winners Dog/Best of Winners

Lacrosse KC – August 3, 2008

Winners Dog/Best of Winners

TCVESSA Specialty – August 21, 2008

1st CDX leg 194 ½

Rice Creek Hunting Club – August 23, 2008

1st Senior Hunt leg

Felstar Saber of White Gold "Ava"

Owned by Karen Larson

TCVESSA Specialty – August 21 & 22, 2008

Sweeps classes: placed 3rd & 2nd

Regular classes: placed 4th & 3rd

Am/Can/Intl CH Cymbelines Anticipation CD JH WD RN

Owned by Karen Larson

Novice B – 4th place

Fox Hollow Springridge Redroc RA "Lane"

Owned by Brian Schaffer

TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008

Novice B - scored 191/4th place

(Lane's first novice leg)

TCVESSA Specialty - August 22, 2008

Novice B - scored 181

(His second novice leg)

TCVESSA Specialty - August 21, 2008

Rally excellent A - scored 88/1st place

(His first excellent leg)

TCVESSA Specialty – August 22, 2008

Rally excellent A - scored 75/1st place

(Lane's 2nd Rally excellent leg—way to go Lane!!)

Pine Bend Show Off, CDX,RE,NA,NAP,OJP "Belle"

Owned/Handled by Kay Esler

WESSA - May 4, 2008

Rally Exc. B ~Qualifying score of 99 & 1st Place

Rally Adv. B~Qualifying score of 100 & 1st

Place~4th RAE leg earned !

Team Obedience Member

Pine Bend Show Off, CDX,RE,NA,NAP,OJP "Belle", continued

Twin Ports Dog Training Club, Duluth MN -

July 11th, 2008

Rally Exc. B~Qualifying score of 97 & 2nd Place

Rally Adv. B~Qualifying score of 98 & 1st Place -

5th RAE leg earned !

Twin Ports Dog Training Club, Duluth MN -

July 12th, 2008

Rally Exc.B - Qualifying score of 91

Rally Adv.B - Qualifying score of 93 & 4th place

- 6th RAE leg earned

PinebendNBriarton Chasin Dreams "Gibbon"

Owned/Handled by Kay Esler

WESSA - May 4, 2008

9-12 months Puppy Dogs - 2nd Place

(Thanks to Ann Sunderman for showing him!)

Twin Ports Dog Training Club & Duluth KC -

July 11, 2008

9-12 months Puppy Dogs - 2nd place

Rally Nov. B~Qualifying score of 90 - 1st RN leg!

Twin Ports Dog Training Club & Duluth KC -

July 12th, 2008

Rally Nov. B - Qualifying score of 87 -

2nd RN leg !

Hirdler Hill's Clover Royale, RE "Clover"

Tri City KC Amana, IA - August 29, 2008

Average Score of 193.5

CD Title Achieved



Congratulations Everyone!

Note:

Be sure to email your Springer news and accomplishments to Kandy Bierle at kbierle@bethel.edu for recognition in the newsletter.

The next deadline?
October 20, 2008



**Ch. Fox Hollow New
Kid In Town
JH, CD, NAJ, NJP,
RN, WDX, CGC, TDI
“Rookie”**

**January 14, 2001
to
July 31, 2008**



Rainbow Bridge

By Cyndi Myhre

When I decided I wanted a show dog, I knew nothing about showing dogs in conformation. I was told I would never succeed and that people wouldn't accept a "Rookie". I didn't have a show lead, a brush, a suit, show shoes, a clipper, thinning shears....nothing but the desire to learn and succeed. I didn't understand type, style, heads, rears, fronts, shoulders, coat, pedigrees, majors, point schedules... nothing... but I knew I wanted to try.

When a black and white male puppy became available, Ann Sunderman took a chance on letting me buy the pick male in her litter. I warned her that I would not co-own this puppy, after all, I did not co-own my children and I wasn't about to co-own my dog. I brought home my puppy with instructions to name him after a song. What name could have been more fitting, than New Kid In Town as he and I would be new in every town at every dog show we went to. We were "Rookies"! Rookie and I learned everything about showing dogs together. We learned to stack, gait, groom, and free bait. We bought leads, scissors, grooming products, show clothes, shoes and pictures, yes, pictures...because we won! Not only did we win, but we *finished* together. Rookie received his American Championship at 22 months of age, with 3 five point majors and 3 single points, all handled by his "rookie", me. And we had help. Help from you, this wonderful club called TCVESSA. Its members embraced us, coached us, cheered for us and mentored us. For that we are so grateful.

Unfortunately, Rookie did not arrive on this earth with a healthy body and was plagued with one of the worst cases of allergies 12 doctors had ever seen. Not once did he complain. Not once did he quit. Not once did he ever not do what I asked of him. He was just that kind of dog.

On July 31, 2008, Rookie was diagnosed with a tumor that was blocking the opening from his stomach to his intestines. He let me know that it was ok to let him go as we were not rookies anymore and the next town he would visit he would have to go to on his own. We said our good-byes and I know that he'll be there to greet me when I become the New Kid In Town.

Rest well my sweet boy.

Cyndi Myhre

TCVESSA FALL FUN MATCH, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND POTLUCK



When: Sunday, November 23, 2008
Where: C and E Training Center
 NEW LOCATION:
 3965 Quebec Ave. N.
 New Hope, MN 55427
Directions: <http://www.cedogtraining.com>
Time: Registration begins at 12:00pm
 Judging begins at 1:00pm

Conformation classes will be as follows:

3-6 month puppy	9-12 month puppy
6-9 month puppy	12-18 month puppy

Special conformation classes for any and all club Springers:

baldest bitch	most male coat
best front	best rear
most freckles	least freckles
shortest tail	longest tail
fastest tail	best "roo"

Obedience classes will be as follows:

Novice A/B
 Open A/B
 Utility A/B

Special classes obedience for any and all club Springers:

Fastest sit
 Fastest down
 Most distracted stay
 Flashiest finish

Cost:

Regular classes: \$5.00 first entry, \$3.00 second entry of same dog
 Special classes: \$1.00 per class

PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO SHARE...SEE YOU THERE!!

QUESTIONS? Cyndi Myhre shamrockess@msn.com or B.A. Breese
cbiserv@lakedalelink.net

***NOTE:**

The 2009 TCVESSA calendar is now available. Kristin Radermacher will be bringing a supply to the fun match.

Upcoming Seminar



SHAPING AWAY CANINE AGGRESSION: Constructional Aggression Treatment ("CAT" for Dogs)

Presented by Dr. Jesús Rosales-Ruiz & Kellie Snider

April 18-19, 2009

St. Paul, MN

Saturday (April 18)

Research done at the University of North Texas suggests that classical treatments for aggression may have us all barking up the wrong tree. Dr. Jesús Rosales-Ruiz and Kellie Snider have devised a shaping-based, operant approach to treating aggression in clients' homes that is producing stronger and much faster results than classical positive desensitization and counter conditioning.

They show that aggression is learned behavior. Their research results also show that the Constructional Approach can change the consequences for the behavior: turning aggression into friendliness.

At UNT, they explored whether aggression could be reduced by the contingent withdrawal of an aversive stimulus, introduced at low intensities. They ended up with dogs that both tolerated, and were friendly with, the strangers they were once aggressive toward. The dog solicited interaction from the formerly aversive stimulus he was previously attacking. He wasn't just ignoring the stimulus or turning to his owner in its presence, either. He was just not worried about it any more.

Sunday (April 19)

This session continues exploring the UNT training procedure, using video and live demonstration. Other topics include the poisoned cue, functional analyses of aggressive behaviors, and stimulus control.

The CAT procedure uses negative reinforcement because positive reinforcement may achieve stillness in the face of aversive stimuli, but rarely produces friendliness toward the aversive stimulus.

This is a great write-up on this subject in the May 2008 issue of *Whole Dog Journal*.

Attention:

There is a club member discount for this seminar.

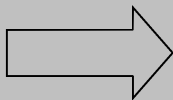
If you're willing to work a bit (register participants, stuff folders, monitor the lunch line, etc.), the member price will be \$140 (regular non-member price is \$190). The worker price is a limited time offer and **you must be paid by February 1, 2009.**

If you don't want to help out, the member price is \$155.

Registration ends April 8, 2009.

Contact Kristin Radermacher for more details: SwedaroSpringers@gmail.com, or 763-441-0299. Also feel free to contact Kris if you have ideas for future seminar speakers.

Club Member
Discount!



The Lost is Found...on eBay

Thanks to the observant eyes of two good springer friends, something of inestimable value has come home. VESSA member Joan Beck and Colorado long-time springerite Sally Maxwell (Centennial Springers) both sent e-mail alerts to Francie Nelson recently. Both had spotted something on ebay that they knew Francie would want to know about. For sale on ebay was the AKC championship certificate of Francie's dear old Ch. Chinoe's Eminent Judge (aka "The Judge"), still in its original frame -- dirty, water stained, and dusty, but otherwise none the worse for its journey.

Francie lost nearly all of her most precious personal and dog memorabilia in a basement flood two years ago. How Judge's championship certificate came to be on ebay will never be known. But thanks to the kindness of the ebay seller and the alerts from Joan and Sally, Judge's certificate has come home, and is now undergoing professional restoration before its return to a well-deserved place of honor. Thank you, Joan and Sally.

Upcoming Important Dates

TCVESSA Board Meeting: October 13, '08 Byerly's Maple Grove (6:30pm)

TCVESSA Fun Match: November 23, '08 at C&E (Registration starts at noon)

November Vox Submissions: (Wins/Braggs, etc.) to Kandy by October 20

Springer Candids: (winter/Christmas theme) to Kandy by October 20 (kbierle@bethel.edu)

ESSFTA National: October 25-November 2, 2008

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